



AFT CT and AFT National are excited to offer a special opportunity for our Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel. As part of our commitment to providing high-quality professional learning, membership-engagement, and leadership opportunities for our members, AFT National will be hosting a Train-the-Trainer workshop at our Rocky Hill office on

## **August 16 and 17 from 8:30am-4:30pm**

PSRP members from across the state are invited to come and learn new curriculums and the skills needed to be able to bring their professional learning back to their locals and districts to help train their co-workers. We will be offering three different workshops for participants to choose from:

### **Disability Awareness**

Some of our students in school have various disabilities ranging from mild to severe. In this session, participants will acquire a general understanding of the 13 disability categories listed in the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and key concepts related to educating these students. Participants will also learn about what it is like to have a disability and learn strategies to help their student's learning and behavior.

### **Interacting with Students: Minimizing Unintended Consequence**

Interacting with students in school should be a pleasant experience for students and staff. However, that is not always the case. When students misbehave, we respond to the misbehavior. However, we must respond appropriately, which means not yelling and grabbing students. These and other inappropriate responses can have serious consequences. Another concern is addressing false accusations that a student may make toward a staff member. The workshop addresses the appropriate way to respond to student misbehavior, so that unintended consequences are avoided.

### **Self-Esteem for Kids with Attention and Learning Issues**

Self-esteem is important for everyone, especially children. Considering a person's self-esteem is tied up in their abilities and accomplishments, children with learning and attention issues can feel at a disadvantage even without external input and pressure. Positive self-esteem helps them academically and socially. Negative self-esteem fuels academic and social problems. In this session, we will examine what these learning and attention issues are, and why these students struggle to develop and maintain positive self-esteem. We will also learn practical strategies that can help these students develop and maintain positive self-esteem.

Participants must be able to attend both full day trainings to become a trainer. The first day will focus on becoming familiar with the curriculum content and the second day will focus on presentation and training skills. Participants must also be willing to provide their trainings to their own local and at the state level in the upcoming year.

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